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4

National Society
branches



5

National Society
local units



110

National Society
volunteers



9

National Society
staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Disaster and
crises



989

Health and
wellbeing



784



Appeal number







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MAURITIUS



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Mauritius Red Cross Society		
Overview	Funding Sources	
Funding		273,000
Expenditure		245,000
	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
	Participating National Societies	Not reported
	HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network		
Country	Funding Requirement	 339,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	 36,000
	Funding	 191,000
	Expenditure	 107,000
Emergency Operations	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	 183,000
	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	 120,000
	Funding	Not reported

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
	National Society has received IFRC Network's support to adapt to longer-term impacts of climate change	Yes
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	 605
Health and wellbeing	Number of people trained by the National Society in first aid	 542
Values, power and inclusion	National Society has a Community Engagement and Accountability policy, strategy or plan	Yes

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	Number of government-led coordination platforms the National Society is part of	2
National Society development	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns	Yes

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

In 2024, Mauritius faced several socio-environmental challenges which included episodes of cyclones and heavy rainfall. The country's political landscape was also marked by an electoral campaign. Mauritius is the main island of the Republic of Mauritius, which is also composed of the Rodrigues Island and the coral archipelago of Agalega and St. Brandon. The country suffered from an economic crisis throughout the 1970s and was remote from the world markets and was commodity dependent. It also exhibited low initial levels of human development and due to the absence of export diversification in developing countries, decline and fluctuations in export earnings negatively influenced income. But over the years, Mauritius has achieved significant progress in economic conditions, driven largely by the export-oriented approach, underpinned by a heterodox set of liberalization of policies. The government has played a strong and interventionist role as facilitator, as operator, and as a regulator for the country's economic growth.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2024, the Mauritius Red Cross Society advanced its Disaster Risk Reduction efforts by implementing the Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (eVCA) process in selected schools. This initiative aimed to improve the quality and consistency of school-based DRR measures. The National Society organized a workshop to monitor priority actions outlined in school DRR plans and supported the Rodrigues branch in data analysis and reporting. In parallel, the National Society launched Eco-School DRR activities in 17 schools across Mauritius and Rodrigues, training volunteers and conducting sessions using tools such as risk matrices and seasonal calendars. Additionally, the National Society hosted a regional training workshop on ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction, bringing together volunteers from across the Southwest Indian Ocean to learn how to integrate ecological practices into preparedness and response.

Disasters and crises

In this reporting period, the Mauritius Red Cross Society strengthened disaster preparedness through a series of impactful initiatives. It organized a workshop to disseminate the cyclone contingency plan and introduced new tools such as KOBO-based assessment forms, while engaging branch committees in simulation exercises to align understanding of updated protocols. The National Society also launched public awareness campaigns using interactive tools and partnered with schools, universities, and youth organizations to promote disaster risk reduction. It also held a scenario-based workshop to equip volunteers with practical skills for responding to cyclones and health crises linked to heavy rains.

Health and wellbeing

Under health and wellbeing in 2024, the Mauritius Red Cross Society strengthened its capacity to respond to health emergencies through a series of targeted interventions. It conducted a workshop to refine and disseminate the epidemiological National Contingency Plan, updating the risk matrix based on new data and current health service capacities, while implementing preparedness, response and awareness activities across branch committees. During the Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (eVCA) in schools, the National Society also carried out first aid training, installed water tanks and conducted school mapping to improve Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), in collaboration with external partners. In October, the National Society organized its first specialized training workshop for health and epidemic response teams under a regional resilience programme coordinated by the Indian Ocean Commission and funded by the European Union. The training culminated in a simulation exercise (SIMEX), equipping participants with the skills and logistical readiness to manage epidemics and mass casualty incidents, thereby reinforcing the National Society's preparedness for future health crises.

Values, power and inclusion

In 2024, the Mauritius Red Cross Society produced promotional items such as mugs and tote bags which played an important role in promoting the activities of the National Society. The National Society distributed items during public events to create a sense of belonging and support among participants and to foster a sense of Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA), in order to encourage more active participation in National Society events.

Enabling local actors

In 2024, the Mauritius Red Cross Society strengthened its operational capacity through improved warehouse management and targeted training. It transferred prepositioned stock to MultiBox, a temporary storage facility, while postponing the deployment of a stock management tool in Rodrigues due to scheduling issues. The rollout in Mauritius will follow the reconstruction of the national warehouse, expected by the end of 2025. To boost disaster response readiness, the National Society conducted a three-day training for the Rodrigues branch disaster response team, covering disaster management fundamentals, cyclone preparedness, and team coordination. It also organized a specialized training on water, sanitation and hygiene and health, featuring theoretical modules, group exercises, and expert-led sessions on public health and community engagement.

Alongside operational improvements, the Mauritius Red Cross Society advanced its humanitarian diplomacy and communications strategy. It actively engaged with government agencies, civil society, and humanitarian networks to reinforce its role as a key actor in disaster risk reduction. The organization developed strategic communication tools, produced promotional items such as mugs and tote bags to enhance visibility, and aligned messaging with national and international frameworks. The National Society also strengthened its human resource policies by implementing safeguarding measures, promoting gender inclusion, and conducting staff capacity-building initiatives. In financial management, it emphasized transparency, rigorous reporting, and donor accountability, while improving supply chain systems to ensure efficient procurement and distribution.



Mauritius Red Cross Society volunteers supported the Ministry of Health with ambulance and psychosocial aid during Cyclone Belal. (Photo: IFRC)

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

In this reporting period, no changes or amendments were made by the National Society

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, as parts of its initiative to conduct community-based Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (eVCA) in eight pre-identified schools, the Mauritius Red Cross Society worked on implementing the EVCA process in some schools. This intervention aimed to enhance the quality and consistency of the process, ensuring the effective implementation of disaster risk reduction measures within targeted schools. To further address implementation challenges and improve the process, the National Society held a workshop to monitor the implementation of priority DRR actions outlines in the schools' DRR action plans and support the Rodrigues branch in analyzing data and consolidating reports. The workshop also led to the necessary steps to be taken for implementation.

The Mauritius Red Cross Society also initiated Eco-School disaster risk reduction activities in 17 schools across Mauritius and Rodrigues, selected based on vulnerability and prior risk management engagement. Building on past DRR projects and the School Emergency Response Plan, the National Society assessed school capacities and collaborated with national authorities and stakeholders to strengthen disaster preparedness. Despite delays due to limited Ministry of Education engagement in 2022, a breakthrough meeting in May 2023 led to the selection of 10 schools in Mauritius and active involvement of school principals. The Mauritius Red Cross Society then conducted information sessions and trained volunteers to support schools in implementing EVCA tools such as risk matrices and seasonal calendars to assess hazards and vulnerabilities.

In October 2024, the Mauritius Red Cross Society organized a comprehensive training workshop on ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction solutions. Drawing upon modules developed by the IFRC, the National Society brought together volunteers from multiple National Societies across the Southwest Indian Ocean region. Participants learned how to integrate practices focused on protecting, sustainable managing, and restoring ecosystems into their disaster preparedness and response action. By enhancing regional capacities in ecological approaches to disaster risk reduction, this initiative underscored the critical role of ecosystem management in building resilient communities capable of facing environmental challenges.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Mauritius Red Cross Society in producing eco-school disaster risk reduction toolkits with modules on inclusive DRR, climate-smart infrastructure and [nature-based solutions](#). It continues to support the National Society leadership in convening regional South-West Indian Ocean knowledge exchanges, particularly with Rodrigues, Madagascar, Comoros and Reunion.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit IFRC GO page [Mauritius](#).

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, the Mauritius Red Cross Society led several impactful disaster and crisis preparedness initiatives. On October 14, the Mauritius Red Cross Society organized a workshop to disseminate the cyclone contingency plan and associated risks. Participants from branch executive committees engaged in theoretical presentations, interactive discussions on

the National Society's mandate, and a tabletop simulation exercise (SIMEX) that tested their response capabilities. The Mauritius Red Cross Society introduced new tools, including post-impact assessment forms and household needs assessments on the KOBO platform. The workshop helped branch committees align their understanding of the updated cyclone warning system and contingency plan, especially in areas with recent leadership changes.

The Mauritius Red Cross Society also launched a series of public awareness campaigns to promote disaster risk reduction (DRR). Using interactive tools such as board games, storybooks, handbooks, and virtual reality experiences, the Mauritius Red Cross Society educated communities about natural and health-related risks. The National Society collaborated with partners such as the Ministry of Sports, youth organizations, and private companies to reach diverse audiences. During Environment Day at the Municipality of Vacoas/Phoenix, the National Society facilitators engaged students through games and quizzes. At the University of Mauritius/SSR Medical School, aspiring doctors learned life-saving techniques and appropriate disaster behaviour. The Mauritius Red Cross Society also worked with scout volunteers to introduce them to DRR principles and emergency response skills.

On 18 October, the Mauritius Red Cross Society organized a scenario-based workshop designed to prepare volunteers effectively for potential crises. These practical workshops equip volunteers with critical skills to respond efficiently to emergencies, such as cyclones anticipated during the cyclone season, as well as health crises associated with increasingly frequent heavy rains on the island.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided support to the Mauritius Red Cross Society in developing visual toolkits, infographics and short videos for public dissemination through social media, especially before the cyclone season. IFRC funding mechanisms such as the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([DREF](#)) and the IFRC Emergency Appeals are utilized for various emergencies in Mauritius.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, the Mauritius Red Cross Society conducted the epidemiological National Contingency Plan workshop where the audience was given a brief explanation of the plan's risk matrix. Participants refined the risk matrix, considering new data, the current capacities of the health services and the capacities and vulnerabilities of the population. The National Society also focused on preparedness, response and awareness-raising activities during the session. Following the session, the plan was disseminated to various branch committees, risk matrix was reviewed along with preparedness, response and awareness activities and health activities were implemented.

During the enhanced vulnerability and capacity assessment implementation in schools, the Mauritius Red Cross Society also conducted activities such as first aid training, installation of water tank and school mapping to bolster Water, Sanitation and Hygiene ([WASH](#)), all while collaborating with external partners.

In October 2024, the Mauritius Red Cross Society organized its first specialized training workshop for health and epidemic response teams. This training aimed primarily to enhance the National Society's capacity to respond effectively to health emergencies and large-scale incidents involving mass casualties by ensuring the availability of adequately trained human resources and suitable logistical support. Implemented under the regional resilience and disaster response management programme coordinated by the Indian Ocean Commission and funded by the European Union, this initiative culminated in a simulation exercise (SIMEX) designed to test participants' knowledge and preparedness in managing health emergencies. Through this specialized training, the National Society strengthened its readiness to effectively respond to future epidemics and large-scale health incidents.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the Mauritius Red Cross Society leadership in organizing multi-ministry roundtables or briefings, using evidence from past responses to advocate for stronger inter-ministerial support. It also provided technical support in development Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) or partnership frameworks with line ministries for long-term collaboration on school health and emergency readiness.

The **French Red Cross** provided support to the National Society's interventions under health and wellbeing.



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Mauritius Red Cross Society does not have any activities related to migration and displacement.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

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IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supports the Mauritius Red Cross Society to foster a broader understanding, ownership and practical application of humanitarian values and fundamental principles. The National Society is supported in its objectives under protection, gender and inclusion ([PGI](#)) as well as under community engagement and accountability (CEA) to foster inclusivity and protection for vulnerable people in the country.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

IFRC membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, agree on common priorities and jointly develop common strategies. This includes addressing issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian acceptance and access, mobilizing funding and other resources, clarifying consistent public messaging, and monitoring progress. It also entails ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need incorporate clarity of humanitarian action while linking with development assistance and contribute to reinforcing National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The Mauritius Red Cross Society is part of the four [IFRC Pan-African initiatives](#) focusing on Tree Planting and Care, Zero Hunger, Red Ready and National Society development.

The **French Red Cross** is a key strategic partner for both Mauritius Red Cross Society and Seychelles Red Cross Society, through the Indian Ocean Regional Intervention Platform (PIROI), which is based in La Réunion. PIROI provides a range of training courses, resources and tools for the National Societies in the Indian Ocean, and maintains emergency response capacities, in close coordination with the IFRC. PIROI also directly supports activities for disaster risk reduction in Mauritius and the Seychelles, and health in emergencies in Mauritius.

Movement coordination

The Mauritius Red Cross Society ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross and participating National Societies, for the alignment of support and action between Movement partners. In times of emergencies, closer coordination is organized. This is carried out in line with the Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation ([SMCC](#)) principles, and the newly-adopted [Seville Agreement 2.0](#).

External coordination

The Mauritius Red Cross Society aims to strengthen its partnerships and coordination with stakeholders in emergency response, disaster risk reduction, health, protection, and education. To achieve this, the National Society will continue to work closely with key partners, including the Ministries of Health and Education, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre (NDRRMC), and PIROI. The National Society is committed to active participation in all coordination meetings, including online meetings, and collaborative activities with our partners. By sharing valuable information on activities and initiatives, the Mauritius Red Cross Society seeks to foster better coordination and collaboration, ultimately enhancing its role as an auxiliary to the government in the humanitarian sector.

Through consistent engagement, cooperation, and communication, the Mauritius Red Cross Society will maintain and develop strong relationships with partners, ensuring a unified and effective approach to addressing the needs of the served communities. By working together, it continues to make strides in emergency response, disaster risk reduction, health, protection, and education initiatives.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, the Mauritius Red Cross Society worked on prepositioning stock by transferring its stock to MultiBox, a temporary storage company as part of its efforts to strengthen warehouse management. However, it postponed the deployment of a stock management tool in Rodrigues due to scheduling issues. The rollout in Mauritius will follow the reconstruction of the national warehouse, expected by the end of 2025.

Furthermore, to strengthen its disaster response capacity, the National Society conducted a three-day training for the Rodrigues branch disaster response team, where trainers brought participants up to speed on disaster management basics before diving into technical topics such as information management, cyclone preparedness and team roles. On top of this training, the National Society also organized a training focused on water, sanitation and hygiene and health where trainers delivered theoretical modules and guided participants through group exercises and real-life case studies. The National Society invited public health experts, explored community engagement strategies, developed epidemic needs assessment forms, among a range of other activities.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC coordinated with PIROI to ensure smooth rollout of the stock management software after warehouse completion. IFRC funding mechanisms such as the IFRC-ICRC National Society Investment Alliance ([NSIA](#)), the IFRC Capacity Building Fund ([CBF](#)), and the Empress Shoken Fund are utilized for National Society development initiatives.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During this reporting period, the Mauritius Red Cross Society made progress in its humanitarian diplomacy and communication efforts, reinforcing its role as a key humanitarian actor and increasing public engagement in disaster risk reduction and response initiatives. The National Society actively participated in networks and partnerships, collaborating with governmental agencies, civil society organizations, and the broader humanitarian community. Efforts were made to develop strategic communication tools and resources, ensuring consistency in messaging and alignment with national and international humanitarian frameworks.

The Mauritius also produced promotional items such as mugs and tote bag which increased visibility and contribute to increasing awareness about the National Society's cause. Promotional items help reinforce the visual identity of the organization.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical assistance to finalize and implement a National Society communication strategy, aligned with IFRC's Communications Framework and support development of key message frameworks, media response protocols and a communications calendar for campaigns and emergencies.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, the Mauritius Red Cross Society reinforced its human resource policies by implementing safeguarding measures, enhancing staff security and safety, and promoting gender diversity and inclusion within its workforce and volunteer network. The National Society carried out capacity building initiatives to support staff development, ensuring that personnel were equipped with the necessary skills to respond effectively to emergencies.

In the area of financial accountability, the National Society emphasized transparent financial management, rigorous financial reporting and strict donor accountability. It strengthened financial controls and improved risk management systems to mitigate fraud and corruption risks, in alignment with integrity policies and best practices. The National Society also worked on supply chain strengthening, ensuring efficient procurement, stock management and distribution processes.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Mauritius Red Cross Society by sensitizing them on IFRC Learning Platform courses, including logistics, health in emergencies, financial management and crisis communication. It also offered support training for finance staff on IFRC-compliant procurement, financial reporting and donor accountability frameworks.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

Q5. PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

See Strategic Priority on 'Values, power and inclusion' under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

See Strategic Priorities or Enabling Local Actors, where relevant under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

- Several important lessons emerged from the implementation of the unified plan by the Mauritius Red Cross Society. Primarily, collaboration with governmental institutions such as the Ministry of Education proved complex, highlighting the critical importance of clear and early stakeholder engagement. Challenges included administrative delays and differing priorities, which significantly impacted the implementation timeline of school-based disaster

risk reduction activities. As a result, it was learned that securing firm commitment and clear roles from institutional partners early in the planning stages is essential to avoid similar issues in future projects

- Furthermore, the Eco-School DRR initiative encountered notable delays due to external factors such as cyclones, heavy rainfall, school holidays, and political campaigns. This underscored the necessity for greater flexibility and contingency planning in project timelines, particularly in disaster-prone and politically sensitive contexts. Moving forward, the National Society plans to incorporate enhanced scenario planning and risk mitigation strategies into future projects to better handle unforeseen disruptions
- Evaluations and feedback mechanisms implemented during the training sessions provided valuable insights. Specifically, the structured use of pre- and post-training evaluations and simulation exercises (SIMEX) revealed significant improvements in volunteers' knowledge and competencies, emphasizing their effectiveness as capacity-building tools. Regularly scheduling similar capacity-building training, ideally every two years—was identified as essential for maintaining sufficient trained personnel. These lessons will guide the National Society in refining its training methodologies and strengthen operational readiness in future humanitarian interventions

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Seychelles Red Cross Society			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	Not reported	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	Not reported	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network			
Country		Funding Requirement	1.5M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	302,000
		Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
	Emergency Operations	Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies		Funding Requirement	162,000
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement	1M
		Funding	Not reported

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with shelter support	384
	Number of people reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	59
	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	48
Health and wellbeing	Number of people trained by the National Society in first aid	242

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

Republic of Seychelles is composed of some 115 islands spread over approximately 1.4 million square kilometres of the Indian Ocean: the Mahe group, which includes 43 granitic, mountainous islands with narrow coastal areas, and the coralline group, numbering, 73 which tend to rise only slightly above sea-level. Most of the islands are uninhabited and tend to lie outside the cyclonic belt although the coralline islands to the south are affected by cyclones. However, both island groups are very vulnerable to multiple effects of climate change.

Seychelles is a microstate with a population of about 120,000 people, including migrant workers who represent an estimated 18 to 20 per cent of the total population. The large majority of the country's inhabitants live on the three main granitic islands, close to the island of Mahe where the capital, Victoria, is located. The Seychelles granitic islands are particularly affected by events that are linked to storms, heavy rainfall, and unusually high tides – the impact being particularly strong if the last two occur at the same time. The topography of the granitic islands means that heavy downpours, even when they do not last long, can cause flooding of roads and housing areas as well as mudslides that destroy vegetation and damage houses. These heavy rains can also turn normally tranquil rivers into raging torrents that overflow their banks and cause havoc in communities nearby. The coralline islands and the coastal areas of the granitic islands are also threatened by sea-level rise and a UN report on climate change states that up to 70 per cent of the Seychelles available land mass would be submerged if sea level were to rise by one meter.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2024, the Seychelles Red Cross Society advanced climate resilience through its work on establishing the first Early Action Protocol ([EAP](#)) in the Indian Ocean region under the project 'Supporting Climate Change Adaptation in the Seychelles through Anticipatory Action & Last Mile Community Early Warning Systems.' The National Society collaborated with key stakeholders, including the Seychelles Meteorological Authority and the Disaster Risk Management Division, to strengthen preparedness strategies. The Seychelles Red Cross Society also participated in the Blue Grants Fund project implementation workshop to align with monitoring, evaluation, and compliance standards. In November, it hosted a validation workshop to present findings from its SEYCCAT-funded project, engaging government agencies, NGOs and international organizations in shaping future climate adaptation efforts.

Disasters and crises

In this reporting period, the Seychelles Red Cross Society led several disaster and crisis interventions to strengthen community resilience and emergency preparedness. As Vice Chair of the National Disaster Risk Management Committee, the National Society played a central role in climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction efforts, working with communities and stakeholders to implement region-specific strategies. It responded to severe weather events, particularly flooding, and provided essential relief including food, clothing, clean water, and hygiene kits. It coordinated with district authorities during fire incidents and prioritized vulnerable individuals for assistance, while planning to streamline future aid delivery through collaboration with the Agency for Social Protection. The National Society also advanced anticipatory action by developing community-based [early warning systems](#) for storm surges and floods, improving meteorological tracking and forecasting to enable timely alerts and proactive risk mitigation.

Health and wellbeing

Under health and wellbeing in 2024, the Seychelles Red Cross Society expanded its [first aid](#) training programmes to strengthen emergency response capacity nationwide. It trained new instructors through an intensive course at the Seychelles Defence Force Academy and began revising its curriculum to ensure standardized, up-to-date content. The National Society delivered specialized training to childcare providers, emergency service personnel and workplace staff across sectors, while launching the 'Save a Life' programme in partnership with the Ministry of Local Government to equip district brigade leaders with essential CPR and first aid skills. The National Society also provided ambulance standby services at major public events and introduced Psychosocial First Aid (PFA) training for caregivers and social

workers, addressing trauma and emotional support needs. In response to national blood shortages, the National Society organized a blood donation campaign on World Red Cross Day to encourage voluntary contributions.

Values, power and inclusion

In 2024, the Seychelles Red Cross Society celebrated World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day on May 8 with a series of impactful activities, including donations of essential items, a blood drive, psychosocial support sessions, a panel discussion and the presentation of first aid certificates in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs. The event highlighted the vital contributions of volunteers and reaffirmed the National Society's commitment to its Fundamental Principles. Throughout the year, the National Society emphasized empowering communities to lead their own disaster preparedness and response efforts by integrating community feedback into its disaster management strategies. The National Society regularly reviewed and updated its Disaster Management Plans to reflect the needs of beneficiaries, staff, and volunteers.

Enabling local actors

In this reporting, the Seychelles Red Cross Society planned a renewed recruitment campaign for 2025, focusing on stronger outreach and community engagement. Despite challenges, the National Society volunteers continued to contribute meaningfully through international training and representation. Volunteers participated in emergency public health training in Réunion Island, a humanitarian camp in Nigeria, and a regional youth event in Kenya, gaining valuable skills in leadership, mental health, climate awareness and first aid.

Under humanitarian diplomacy, communication, and organizational development, the National Society strengthened its visibility and partnerships through high-level engagements and strategic media outreach. The National Society participated in the first presidential press conference of the year, where President Wavel Ramkalawan acknowledged its support to disaster-affected communities. The National Society also met with U.S. Embassy representatives to discuss future collaboration on resilience-building. To enhance public engagement, the Seychelles Red Cross Society upgraded to Canva Pro and expanded its media presence through social platforms and promotional materials. Upholding accountability and agility, it aligned its Strategic Plan 2023–2027 with international standards, improved financial oversight with a new Finance Coordinator, and mobilized volunteers and national services for post-disaster cleanups. The organization also implemented early warning systems and participated in global humanitarian events, demonstrating its adaptability and commitment to transparent, responsive humanitarian action.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

In this reporting period, no changes or amendments were made to the plan

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, under the project 'Supporting Climate Change Adaptation in the Seychelles through Anticipatory Action & Last Mile Community Early Warning Systems,' the National Society worked on establishing the first early action protocol (EAP) in the Indian Ocean region to enable timely disaster preparedness and response. The National Society participated in the Blue Grants Fund project implementation workshop where grantees were guided on monitoring

and evaluation, financial reporting and compliance procedures. The National Society will collaborate with the Seychelles Meteorological Authority, the Disaster Risk Management Division and other climate and disaster response stakeholders to enhance preparedness strategies.

In November, the National Society hosted a validation workshop to present findings from the ongoing SEYCCAT-funded project which gathered stakeholders from government agencies, NGOs and international organizations.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Seychelles Red Cross Society in developing new project proposals for climate change mitigation and adaptation to climate-related vulnerabilities programmes, and in building and consolidating partnerships with key regional and international stakeholders. It also provides technical guidance in the implementation of the SEYCCAT funding and the early warning for all initiative, as well as emphasizing the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices within the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit IFRC GO page [Seychelles](#).

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, the Seychelles Red Cross Society led several disaster and crisis interventions to strengthen community resilience and improve emergency response. As a key player in national disaster governance, the National Society served as Vice Chair of the National Disaster Risk Management Committee, actively contributing to climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction (DRR) efforts. The organization worked closely with communities to identify risks and implement adaptation strategies, while partnering with local and international stakeholders to promote awareness and region-specific preparedness measures. The National Society also advanced a coordinated framework for long-term climate change mitigation in Seychelles.

Throughout the year, the Seychelles Red Cross Society responded to severe weather events, particularly flooding caused by heavy rainfall. The Meteorological Authority issued multiple alerts, with rainfall intensity surpassing previous years. The National Society remained on high alert and supported affected communities, especially during a cyclone that passed through nearby islands. Although Seychelles avoided major damage, the event highlighted the importance of preparedness.

The Seychelles Red Cross Society provided essential relief to individuals impacted by disasters, including food, clothing, household items, clean water, and hygiene kits. The organization responded swiftly to fire incidents that destroyed homes, coordinating with district authorities to deliver urgent aid. It prioritized vulnerable individuals for assistance, although budget constraints limited support for some cases, which were referred to the Agency for Social Protection.

To improve future response mechanisms, the National Society scheduled a meeting with the Agency's CEO in 2025 to explore faster and more efficient assistance strategies. The goal is to reduce delays and ensure timely support for families in crisis.

The Seychelles Red Cross Society's actions under [anticipatory action](#) and [early warning systems](#) focuses on strengthening preparedness protocols and creating community-based early warning systems for storm surges and floods. By improving meteorological tracking and forecasting capabilities, communities will receive advanced warnings, allowing them to take proactive measures to mitigate risks.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC is supporting the Seychelles Red Cross Society in developing the Early Action Protocol, which is expected to be fully operational in the coming year. Other support includes technical and financial support to the National Society for its interventions under disasters and crises.



Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, the Seychelles Red Cross Society expanded its first aid training programmes to strengthen emergency response capacity across the country. The National Society trained new first aid instructors through an intensive course held at the Seychelles Defence Force Academy, targeting professionals from key emergency services. Trainees completed both theoretical and practical components, including supervised sessions, and the National Society began revising its curriculum and training tools to ensure standardized, up-to-date content.

The Seychelles Red Cross Society also rolled out specialized first aid training tailored to various sectors. Childcare providers received paediatric first aid training at multiple daycare centres, while healthcare professionals, police officers, and firefighters participated in practical sessions covering CPR, trauma care and wound management. The National Society conducted refresher courses for hospitality and environmental staff and delivered workplace-specific training for employees in fishing, hospitality, and government sectors. In partnership with the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs, the National Society launched the 'Save a Life' programme to equip district brigade leaders with essential CPR and first aid skills, reinforcing community-level emergency preparedness.

To support public events, the Seychelles Red Cross Society provided ambulance standby services throughout the year, ensuring medical coverage at national celebrations, sports events, and large gatherings. The National Society also introduced Psychosocial First Aid (PFA) training, focusing on trauma management and emotional support for caregivers and social service workers. Participants responded positively and requested further specialized sessions, highlighting the growing recognition of mental health in emergency response.

In response to national blood shortages, the National Society organized a blood donation campaign on World Red Cross Day, encouraging voluntary contributions to bolster hospital reserves. These initiatives collectively enhanced public health, safety, and resilience across Seychelles.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Seychelles Red Cross Society by providing technical expertise and peer-review support to finalize and standardize the National Society's first aid curriculum, aligning it with global IFRC guidelines and also provided support in organizing national first aid awareness week to build visibility and attract community participation.



Seychelles Red Cross Society planted mangroves as part of its tree-planting initiative. (Photo: IFRC)



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Seychelles Red Cross Society does not have any activities related to migration and displacement.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

On 8 May 2024, during the commemoration of the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, the Seychelles Red Cross Society organized a series of activities which included donations of essential items, blood drive with staff and volunteers, psychosocial support sessions, panel discussion on the year's theme, presentation of first aid certificates in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs, among others. During the event, the National Society emphasized the vital contributions of volunteers and humanitarian workers worldwide, reaffirming the National Society's commitment to its Fundamental Principles.

Under Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) efforts, the organization also placed a strong emphasis on empowering communities to lead their own disaster preparedness and response efforts. By integrating community feedback into disaster management strategies, the National Society ensures that its interventions are not only effective but also aligned with the specific needs and priorities of those most at risk. In line with this, the National Society periodically reviews and updates its Disaster Management Plans, incorporating inputs from beneficiaries, staff, and volunteers to improve response mechanisms and ensure accountability.

The Seychelles Red Cross Society will continue training sessions for teachers and students, covering topics such as disaster risk reduction and first aid.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Seychelles Red Cross Society by sharing the event's activities through the IFRC Global Communication channels, newsletters and social media to highlight the National Society's engagement with the global theme 'Keeping Humanity Alive.'

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

IFRC membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, agree on common priorities and jointly develop common strategies. This includes addressing issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian acceptance and access, mobilizing funding and other resources, clarifying consistent public messaging, and monitoring progress. It also entails ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need incorporate clarity of humanitarian action while linking with development assistance and contribute to reinforcing National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The Seychelles Red Cross Society is part of the [four IFRC Pan-African initiatives](#) focusing on Tree Planting and Care, Zero Hunger, Red Ready and National Society development.

The **French Red Cross** is a key strategic partner for both Mauritius Red Cross Society and Seychelles Red Cross Society, through the Indian Ocean Regional Intervention Platform (PIROI), which is based in La Réunion. PIROI provides a range of training courses, resources and tools for the National Societies in the Indian Ocean, and maintains

emergency response capacities, in close coordination with the IFRC. PIROI also directly supports activities for disaster risk reduction in Mauritius and the Seychelles, and health in emergencies in Mauritius.

Movement coordination

The Seychelles Red Cross Society ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross and participating National Societies, for the alignment of support and action between Movement partners. In times of emergencies, closer coordination is organized. This is carried out in line with the Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation ([SMCC](#)) principles, and the newly-adopted [Seville Agreement 2.0](#).

External coordination

The Seychelles Red Cross Society signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF) during Defence Forces Day on November 25. The MoU formalized collaboration on first aid training and emergency response services, enabling National Society-certified SDF instructors to train both military and civilian personnel. The agreement also promoted resource sharing, joint programme development, and mutual support in public health and disaster response initiatives.

The Seychelles Red Cross Society has pointed an improvement on coordination amongst stakeholders in commitment and routine stakeholder engagement meetings and trainings. The National Society involved with the Disaster risk management project funded by the PIROI, Indian Ocean Commission and European Union. The project involves work with the Disaster Risk Management Department, the Seychelles Fire and Rescue Services, the Seychelles Police, Agency for Social Protection, and the Ministry of Education.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Under volunteer engagement and capacity building in 2024, the Seychelles Red Cross Society faced ongoing challenges in recruiting volunteers, which affected its ability to carry out activities efficiently. Despite efforts to attract new volunteers on Mahé and La Digue, public interest remained low. In response, the National Society planned a renewed recruitment campaign for 2025, focusing on stronger outreach, community engagement, and targeted awareness to build a more committed volunteer base. The National Society emphasized the critical role volunteers play in fulfilling its humanitarian mission.

While recruitment proved difficult, the National Society volunteers continued to make meaningful contributions through international training and representation. Two volunteers attended emergency public health training in Réunion Island, qualifying them to support regional responses. Another volunteer participated in a humanitarian training camp in Nigeria, gaining skills in leadership, mental well-being, climate awareness, and first aid. Additionally, the National Society's youth representation at a regional event in Kenya showcased the organization's work and promoted youth involvement in humanitarian action.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the National Society with technical assistance for design the Volunteer Engagement Campaign, including key messages, multimedia materials and digital marketing strategies. IFRC funding mechanisms such as the IFRC-ICRC National Society Investment Alliance ([NSIA](#)), the IFRC Capacity Building Fund ([CBF](#)), and the Empress Shoken Fund are utilized for National Society development initiatives.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Under its humanitarian diplomacy efforts in 2024, the Seychelles Red Cross Society strengthened its visibility and partnerships through high-level participation and media outreach. The National Society attended the first presidential press conference of the year at State House, where President Wavel Ramkalawan commended the organization for its

support to affected individuals following the December 2023 incidents. The National Society leadership, including the Secretary-General and key coordinators, represented the National Society at the event alongside government officials and media representatives.

Shortly after, the Seychelles Red Cross Society met with representatives from the U.S. Embassy, including the Charge d'Affaires to Victoria and the Mauritius Deputy Chief of Mission. The meeting focused on response strategies and future collaboration to enhance community resilience. The National Society leadership used the opportunity to strengthen diplomatic ties and explore joint initiatives.

To further boost its public presence, the Seychelles Red Cross Society expanded its media outreach through social media, articles, and promotional materials. The National Society upgraded to Canva Pro, gaining access to advanced design tools and templates to improve the quality and consistency of its communications. Furthermore, it also deepened its collaboration with media outlets to increase public awareness, share updates, and launch appeals supporting its humanitarian work.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Seychelles Red Cross Society leadership to position the National Society as a national humanitarian leader aligned with the IFRC principles, providing technical and strategic support to pursue grant opportunities and enable capacity building sessions on proposal development.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Under accountability and agility efforts in 2024, the Seychelles Red Cross Society upheld accountability and agility as core principles guiding its humanitarian work. The National Society embedded these values across its governance, financial management, disaster response, and community engagement efforts. The National Society aligned its Strategic Plan 2023–2027 with international humanitarian standards, ensuring transparency, measurable outcomes, and strategic direction. It also continued reviewing the Red Cross Act to strengthen its legal framework and ensure compliance with global best practices.

The National Society demonstrated accountability through detailed disaster response reporting, including its interventions following the December 2023 floods. The Seychelles Red Cross Society engaged stakeholders in a Validation Workshop to assess findings from a SEYCCAT-funded climate adaptation project, ensuring that community needs remained central to project execution. Financial accountability improved with the recruitment of a Finance Coordinator, who enhanced budget monitoring and reporting. The National Society also secured external funding, such as the SEYCCAT grant, to support climate resilience and disaster preparedness.

Agility remained a defining feature of the National Society's operations. The organization mobilized volunteers, the Seychelles Prison Service, and the Defence Forces for post-disaster cleanups, showcasing its ability to respond swiftly to emergencies. It implemented early warning systems to ensure timely alerts and support for at-risk communities. The National Society also embraced digital tools to improve outreach, upgrading to Canva Pro to produce high-quality communication materials and expanding its presence through social media and media partnerships.

Despite challenges in volunteer recruitment, the Seychelles Red Cross Society continued launching campaigns and offering international training opportunities. Its participation in global humanitarian events, including the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, reflected its adaptability and commitment to global humanitarian standards.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides technical assistance to the National Society on donor compliance and financial reporting for National Society's finance and programme teams, aligned with both IFRC and external donor requirements.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

Q5. PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

See Strategic Priority on 'Values, power and inclusion' under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

See Strategic Priorities or Enabling Local Actors, where relevant under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

- The Seychelles Red Cross Society recognizes that empowering children with knowledge enables them to protect themselves and serve as agents of change within their families and communities. This insight aligns with global efforts, such as the UN Secretary-General's Early Warnings for All initiative, which promotes the inclusion of youth in disaster preparedness through age-appropriate education. The organization has therefore emphasized the need for safe schools, disaster-resilient educational facilities, and youth engagement programs to enhance community resilience
- Another significant lesson relates to collaboration among stakeholders in addressing both disaster response and mental health at work. The National Society acknowledges that improving mental health and safety at work requires multi-stakeholder involvement, including governments, employers, and workers' organizations. The National Society stresses the importance of meaningful participation from employees and individuals with lived experiences of mental health conditions, advocating for evidence-based interventions that prioritize mental well-being in the workplace
- The importance of practical, hands-on training was also highlighted through the First Aid Instructor Certification Programme. By providing training under supervision, the National Society ensured that participants could effectively apply their knowledge in real-world scenarios. This approach helped solidify competence and enhanced the organization's ability to deliver high-quality first aid training across different sectors, including healthcare, education, and public safety
- Additionally, the National Society recognized the value of community-driven initiatives in fostering long-term sustainability. It has actively supported local projects and emphasized the need to empower volunteers and local leaders. This lesson was particularly evident in National Society's Induction Session for teachers and school staff, which aimed to equip them with the necessary skills to lead Red Cross School Clubs. By investing in local capacity building, the Seychelles Red Cross Society strengthens its outreach and ensures that communities are well-prepared to manage future crises independently

ANNEX 1. IFRC APPLICATION OF THE 8+3 REPORTING TEMPLATE

The IFRC network structures its result-based management along five Strategic priorities and four Enabling functions, developed based on the IFRC network's [Strategy 2030](#):

IFRC network Strategic Priorities	IFRC network Enabling Functions
SP 1 - Climate and environment	EF 1- Strategic and operational coordination
SP 2 - Disasters and crises	EF 2 - National Society development
SP 3 - Health and wellbeing	EF 3 - Humanitarian diplomacy
SP 4 - Migration and displacement	EF 4 - Accountability and agility
SP 5 - Values, power and inclusion	

The Federation-wide results matrix provides a standard way for the IFRC network to measure its progress towards Strategy 2030 implementation and supports consistent quality of the IFRC network planning, monitoring and reporting. To further advance coherence in monitoring across the IFRC network, a [Federation-wide Indicator Bank](#) has been developed and integrated into the Federation-wide monitoring systems for emergencies and longer-term work, structured along the Federation-wide results matrix as well. Signatory of the Grand Bargain Agreement, the IFRC has committed to its monitoring and reporting standards through integration of the [8+3 reporting template](#) contents into its results-based management approach. The following mapping demonstrate the way in which this report aligns with 8+3 reporting:

8+3 template	IFRC network Annual Report (with variance in structure in red)
Core Questions	
1. Overall Performance	Overall Performance
2. Changes and Amendments	Changes and amendments
3. Measuring Results	Measuring Results
4. Affected Persons	Cover pages with indicators values
5. Participation & AAP	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 5: Values, power and inclusion – Community Engagement and Accountability
6. Risk management	Risk management
7. Exit Strategy and Sustainability	Under Q3 sub-sections by Strategic Priority/Enabling Function where relevant
8. Lessons Learned	Lessons learned
Additional Questions	
1. Value for Money/ Cost Effectiveness	Not included in annual reports
2. Visibility	Not included in annual reports
3. Coordination	Under Q3 Enabling Function 1: Strategic and operational coordination
4. Implementing Partners	Cross-cutting, with a focus on support to localization through the Q3 Enabling Functions 1 to 4
5. Activities or Steps Towards implementation	Cross-cutting in Q3 Strategic Priorities and Enabling Functions
6. Environment	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 1: Climate and environment



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DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies.
- **Financial overview:** This overview consolidates data reported by the National Society and its IFRC network partners, as well as data extracted from IFRC's financial systems. All reported figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities. The financial data with a grey background is solely reported by the National Society, including the funding sources. Financial reporting is often times estimated depending on availability of financial figures, closing of financial periods, and may be incomplete. 'Not reported' could sometimes mean 'not applicable'. Also note that funding requirements are already reflected in the published 2024 IFRC network country plan. The total funding requirements show what the IFRC network has sought to raise for the given year through different channels: funding through the IFRC, through participating National Societies as bilateral support, and through the host National Society from non-IFRC network sources. All figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities.
 - » Host National Society funding requirements not coming from IFRC network sources can comprise a variety of sources, as demonstrated when reporting on income in the IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System
 - » Participating National Society funding requirements for bilateral support are those validated by respective headquarters, and often represent mainly secured funding
 - » IFRC funding requirements comprise both what is sourced from the IFRC core budget and what is sought through emergency and thematic funding. This includes participating National Societies' multilateral support through IFRC, and all other IFRC sources of funding
- **Missing data and breakdowns:** National Societies have diverse data collection systems and processes that may not align with the standardized indicators. Data may not be available for some indicators, for some National Societies. This may lead to inconsistencies across different reporting tools as well as potential under or over-estimation of the efforts led by all.
- **Reporting bias:** The data informing this Federation-wide overview is self-reported by each National Society (or its designated support entity) which is the owner and gatekeeper, and responsible for accuracy and updating. IFRC tries to triangulate the data provided by the National Societies with previous data and other data in the public domain.
- **Definitions:**
 - » **Local units:** ALL subdivisions of a National Society that coordinate and deliver services to people. These include ALL levels (provincial, state, city, district branches, sections or chapters, headquarters, and regional and intermediate offices, as well as community-based units)
 - » **Branches:** A Branch has its roles, responsibilities and relationship with the National Headquarters defined through the National Society's Statutes, including the level of autonomy given, especially in the area of its legal status, mobilising local resources and building local partnerships, and the decisions it makes. It has a local-level decision-making mechanism through its Branch members, board and volunteers, equally defined through the National Society's Statutes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [MU_Mauritius AR Financials.pdf](#)(Note: This financial report link will be fed upon the completion of the audit)
- [SC_Seychelles AR Financials.pdf](#)(Note: This financial report link will be fed upon the completion of the audit)
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- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\) data](#)
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)
- [Evaluations databaset](#)

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